

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 616

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Bearden High School dance team for its many accomplishments during the 2017-2018 season.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to our exemplary sports teams and athletes who have attained the pinnacle of competition, bringing great honor and acclaim to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden High School dance team is one such resolute group of young athletes, and during the 2017-2018 season, the team has garnered various accolades at both the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the team started the season with a first-place win in Large Varsity Pom at the Universal Dance Association (UDA) summer camp competition and went on to claim victory at the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state tournament, placing second in Large Varsity Pom and first in Large Varsity Jazz, the team's fifth consecutive state title in this category; and

WHEREAS, at the UDA National Competition in Orlando, Florida, the Bearden High School dance team won first place in the Large Varsity Pom division; the gold-medal win was the first national title for the team and for Bearden High School; and

WHEREAS, the dance team also finished number four in the country in Large Varsity Jazz, the best jazz division finish in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, these stellar student athletes accomplished all this while maintaining an exceptional 3.56 average team grade point average, serving as a spirit team to motivate players and fans during varsity football and basketball games, and volunteering together throughout their community; and

WHEREAS, the team's various volunteer initiatives include leading a free dance clinic for underprivileged students, raising money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, cleaning the Ronald McDonald House, and participating in the Jingle Bell Run 5k to support the Arthritis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this talented team is made up of twenty-two members: seniors Gracie Benevicz, Jade Gatton-Bumpus, Chloe McClish, and Shaylie Rutherford; juniors Chloe Anders, Sydney Hansen, Lauren Jacoby, Ansley Pacetti, Sydney Schriver, Bailey Simpson, and Taylor Tarquin; sophomores Meaghan Chase, Summer Davis, Lauren Hall, Lauren Hull, and Alina Serafin; and freshmen Natalie Adkins, Ali Berg, Abbie Drum, Emma Mañalac, Katherine Newman, and Anna Snyder; and

WHEREAS, the team is guided by the impeccable leadership of Head Coach Hannah Keathley, Technique Coach Kathryn Brasfield, Choreographer Katie Fear Lane, and Sponsor Rebecca Nutter; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that these outstanding young women should be recognized for their accomplishments in dance competition; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the members of the Bearden High School dance team upon their winning season and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.